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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed concurrently with an Appeal Brief. The purpose of this Amendment is merely to cancel claims and thus reduce issues for Appeal. Specifically, claims 10, 16-20 and 22-31 are cancelled herein.

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